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HOUSE APPROVES DEFENSE FUNDS TO HELP MCNALLY BOOST ARMY READINESS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) announced today that the House of Representatives has approved his request for \$4 million in next year's defense budget to allow Grantsburg-based McNally Industries to work with the military to more efficiently replenish its stocks of equipment that have been depleted by action in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“The war Iraq and Afghanistan has used up the Army's stock of equipment and there is a pressing need for ways to make the refurbishment of returning equipment as fast and affordable as possible,” said Obey. “This program is a small investment that will help get the Army back on its feet faster and without as much cost to the taxpayer. I'm glad the House approved my request for these funds.”

The funds Obey requested are intended to begin a long-term program to allow the Army to leverage the engineering expertise of McNally Industries and its partners Alion Science and Technology and the University of Wisconsin to efficiently repair damaged equipment and to find ways to improve equipment so that it can better survive future action.

The defense budget was passed by the House over the weekend. It must still be approved by the Senate and signed by the President before it becomes law. “But having this project

included in the House approved version means that a major hurdle has been cleared,â€ Obey concluded.

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